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Mike Eno
Mike Eno Painting
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Re: **Federal Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule Requirements**

Dear Mr. Eno:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for enforcing federal laws pertaining to lead-based paint. Exposure to lead-based paint is a serious health concern, especially for young children. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of, and ask for your compliance with, EPA's lead rules in order to help prevent lead poisoning and to minimize your risk of potential future EPA enforcement actions.

You should be aware of the requirements of EPA's newest lead rule, the Renovation, Repair and Painting ("RRP") Rule, which became effective on April 22, 2010. Among other things, the RRP Rule requires contractors, trades-people, rental property managers, owners and other firms who disturb painted surfaces to be certified, train their employees to use specific lead-safe work practices, and distribute a copy of EPA's pamphlet "Renovate Right" **before** starting renovation in occupied housing. The RRP Rule covers any activity that disturbs more than 6 square feet of interior or 20 square feet of exterior painted surface in pre-1978 housing (whether occupied or not) and child occupied facilities. (Studio apartments and elderly housing are exempt from the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule.) The RRP Rule also requires records retention for a period of three years.

There are also special notification requirements in child-occupied facilities, such as day care centers and pre-schools. A contractor, property owner, manager, or other renovator who has failed to comply with the RRP Rule requirements has violated TSCA Section 16, 15 U.S.C. § 2689, and is liable for civil penalties under TSCA Section 16, 15 U.S.C. § 2615.

If you have your own company, even if it is a sole proprietorship or is unincorporated, and intend to engage in the above type of activities, you are required to be an EPA certified firm (*link to application form*: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/firmapp.pdf>) and employ certified renovators. Renovators become certified by successfully completing an EPA accredited 8-hour training course (or a 4-hour Refresher course if qualified). Locate the nearest EPA accredited RRP training provider near you at: http://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/searchrrp_training.htm).

Please refer to the enclosed Compliance Assistance packet to help you comply with the RRP Rule now and in the future. Additional information about EPA's lead rules may be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/region01/enforcement/leadpaint/index.html>.

Compliance with EPA's lead rules is required by federal law. Failure to comply with these rules may result in substantial penalties. If you have any questions, please call me at (617) 918-1765.

Sincerely,



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